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Consumer Protection and Quality Requirements for Managed Care Organizations Rule H-2009-03, Section 3.2(G)(4)(e) (Effective 12/17/2009)

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This Bulletin explains the Division's position concerning Section 3.2(G)(4)e of Rule H-2009-03. That section requires that a managed care organization (MCO) provide a member, in an adverse benefit determination letter (ADL) issued in connection with a concurrent or pre-service review, a statement of "what, if any, alternative covered benefit(s) the managed care organization would consider to be medically necessary and would authorize if requested."

Questions having arisen regarding the validity, application and interpretation of Section 3.2(G)(4)e, the Division will accept language in the ADL that the member is strongly advised that he or she should discuss alternative treatments with his or her treatment provider.

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Commissioner